Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 1, 1884.

The City Council met in the Council Chamber. Present—Mayor Hyman (in the chair), Ald. Birrell, Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Hewitt, Stringer, Niven, Becher, Scarrow.

Minutes of last meeting read and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Webster Bros. — Appealing against assessment on Fullerton Terrace. No. 1.

From W. Crittle— Appealing against assessment of dog tax. No. 1.

From Mrs. Kernohan—Asking for reduction of taxes. No. 1.

From W. Watson—Appealing against assessment on income. No. 1.

From Jane Adams—Asking for remission of taxes. No. 1.

From T. E. Johnson—Asking for remission of taxes, on the ground that he is a clergyman. No. 1.

From John Turnbull—Asking for a remission of the income tax of the late Andrew Turnbull. No. 1

From Mary Crosbie—Asking for reduction of taxes. No. 1.

From Sarah Leonard—Asking for remission of her husband's taxes. No. 1.

From Thomas H. Galpin—Asking for remission of income tax. No. 1.

From Evans Bros., for remission of income tax; Alex. Gunn, W. R. Thompson, W. F. Bullen for the remission of watering tax; J. W. Thorpe, remission of statue labor tax; Margaret Vircent, remission of taxes; T. W. Harrison, remission of dog tax; T. P. Blackwell, for remission of personal property tax; J. H. Bilton, claiming exemption for 100 feet on Wellington street for sewer rate; A. Wallace, remission of sewer rate on two houses on Waterloo street. Referred to Committee No. 1.

From George Quinton and other ratepayers—Petitioning for a sewer on Grey street, between Clarence and Wellington. No. 2.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman:

1—*Re* the petition of the London Base Ball Club recommended that one-half the amount of the license fee be refunded.

2—That the petition of W. Waugh Lauder be granted.

3—That the application of T. Fox and W. Jenkins for pawnbrokers' license be granted, and that by-laws legalizing the same be prepared.

The report was adopted, and the by law to authorize the licensing of T. Fox and W. Jenkins was passed.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hewitt, chairman:—

1—That the sewer on Clarence and Gray streets petitioned for by D. Regan *et al* be advertised in the usual way.

2—That all parties be prohibited from cleaning ice or snow from the stone flag sidewalks by the use of axes or other sharp instruments.

3—That the council grant the sum of $250 from the relief fund to take out stone from the city pit for breaking.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause.

Clause 1 passed.

On clause 2,

Ald. Hewitt moved the adoption of the clause. Ald. Scarrow seconded.

The chairman explained, in answer to an enquiry from Ald. Birrell, that ashes or sawdust might be sprinkled over the sidewalk.

In amendment, Ald. Skinner moved that the restriction apply to all sidewalks in the city. Ald. Stringer seconded.

The amendment was carried.

On clause 3,

Ald. Birrell said if the money was to be taken from the relief fund he would be glad to favor it, but if it was to be taken from the general funds he wished to inform them that there was no money.

Mayor Hyman said the committee had no doubt carefully looked at the relief fund before taking this action. He reminded them that as he understood the matter the relief fund was not in the hands of the Council but under control of the Mayor.

Ald. O'Meara believed that by opening up the pit work would be given to the poor men and a great saving effected to the city.

Ald. Stringer thought the only way to get over the difficulty would be by giving the street commissioner instructions to expend the money on necessary repairs.

Ald. Becher said the trouble was No. 2 had exceeded their estimates. He did not